



INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Provider Participation and Advancement Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

May 11, 2015

MEMBERS

Kevin Bain

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John Burnett

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Attendees: Erin Kissling, Amanda Lopez, Sally Lacey, Deb Hughes, John Elcessor, Kathryn Rassch, Kristen Hines, Kathy Frank, Maddie Solomon, Anne Gabbert, Sally Lacey, Kent Mitchell, Randy Garrett

Key Topics Discussed:

- Karen Ruprecht, Purdue University, provided an update on their evaluation of Paths to QUALITY (longitudinal study). See Wiggio for a copy of the presentation slides she provided. Hope to have preliminary results late summer / early fall to share.
- It was suggested that the workgroup consider a name change to "Community and Provider Engagement". Workgroup members agreed to discuss further at the next meeting.
- Workgroup members agreed that there is value for this workgroup to focus on supporting communities to improve high quality early childhood education since so many other groups are already supporting and working with programs.
- The workgroup agreed that the survey and toolkit could be used as a PR / marketing tool to build awareness about the importance of early childhood education and high quality. We cannot assume that all communities believe this is important, so awareness building is still very important.
- John shared one of the goals for focusing on community engagement work: to potentially plan for the next budget session in two years to build more support across the state for investing in early childhood education. Should the General Assembly decide to expand preschool, then more communities will be ready and equipped because of this work.
- Kent encouraged us to think about this workgroup, who we are and what we can do that is unique to other groups organized across the state.
- The workgroup identified that several groups have already surveyed providers and intermediaries; so another survey might not be needed.
- The workgroup discussed inviting communities that are already organized (with an early ed coalition) and working to improve quality early childhood education to the next June workgroup meeting to get their feedback and input on resources/supports needed at the community level. Discussed having a "panel" of these community reps to share their challenges, lessons learned and opportunities.



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Key Questions Raised:

- For providers, what types of tools and support do they need?
- Will Purdue develop issue briefs based on this data with recommendations and strategies for improvement?
- Does the Purdue evaluation look at outcomes by provider type? For example, is a Level 3 home the same as a Level 3 center?
- Is there a specific geographic focus for community engagement? How are we defining communities (county-level, regional level)?

Action Steps/ Things to think about:

1. Sally agreed to share surveys that have been completed by programs
2. Kent agreed to share an analysis of the intermediary survey
3. All workgroup members will consider recommending new workgroup members who represent intermediaries that could speak to the community engagement focus of the workgroup going forward.
4. All members please suggest communities to invite to June workgroup that are organized (with an early ed coalition) and currently working to improve quality early childhood education to form "panel". Panel will share challenges, lessons learned, and opportunities.
5. Discuss the workgroup name change from Provider Participation and Advancement to Community and Provider Engagement.
6. Amanda will upload national reports that highlight efforts other states have made to focus on quality improvement at the community level.
7. At the next meeting, the workgroup will look at the surveys, the community panel and reports to synthesize the information and determine next steps.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 8, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Location: Wayne Township Preschool, 31155 South High School Road, Indianapolis,

Conference Call #: 877-422-1931; code **8938051085**